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ANNUAL REPORT
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TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1869.

TOWN CLERK.

BENJAMIN R. WHEELER.

SELECTMEN AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

LEVI CLUFF,

SILAS HALL,

WILLIAM B. KIMBALL.

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

NELSON M. BAILEY.

COLLECTOR.

JOHN AUSTIN.

AUDITORS.

CHARLES AUSTIN,

EDWARD GRIFFIN,

GEORGE WOODBURY.

CONSTABLE.

ASA S. AUSTIN.

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT.

	DR.
Cash rec'd of former Treasurer,	\$1,592 13
" Wm. H. Woodbury,	54 81
" Joseph A. Cross,	800 00
" Harvey Harris, for ox hide,	5 00
" Wm. P. Merrill, for lot in Pine Grove Cemetery,	4 25
" Charles R. Hall, for lot in Pine Grove Cemetery,	4 25
" John Hall, for lot in Pine Grove Cemetery,	4 25
" Susan T. McLoughlin, for use of pasture for 1868 and '69,	12 00
" Jerome B. Cross, for lot in Pine Grove Cemetery,	8 00
" ——— Batchelor, for 1 cow,	68 00
" Town of Atkinson, for repairing bridge,	20 41
" Charles G. Coburn, for lot in Pine Grove Cemetery,	3 25
" John H. Lancaster, for lot in Pine Grove Cemetery,	4 25
" Charles Kimball, for lot in Pine Grove Cemetery,	3 25

Cash rec'd of Olive S. Woodbury, for lot in Pine Grove Cemetery,	8 25
" Charles O. Palmer,	4 25
" Ebenezer G. Duston,	4 25
" County, for support of County paupers,	543 25
" G. D. Kelly, for 1 cow,	65 00
" Charles Titcomb, for 1 pair of oxen,	210 00
" Mary A. Dustin,	4,500 00
" State Treasurer, savings bank tax,	69 95
" State Treasurer, rail- road tax,	536 97
" State Treasurer, liter- ary fund,	82 58
" Assigned United States bounties,	55 80
" James A. Troy, for old hearse runners,	10 50
" Town of Methuen, for 1-2 of one bound stone,	2 00
" Town of Windham, for 1-2 of one bound stone,	2 25
" Obadiah Duston,	900 00
" Alburtus Coburn,	800 00
" John Austin, in part for taxes,	11,096 92
" Eliphalet Coburn,	1,000 00
" William G. Crowell, as guardian of Sam'l Day,	75 00
" William G. Crowell,	1,238 40
" B. Pettengill,	300 00

 24,089 32

PAID ON ACCOUNT OF SCHOOLS.

District No. 1.—Town appropriation,	\$177 87	
Railroad money,	53 69	
Literary Fund,	25 55	
Special school tax,	75 00	332 11
District No. 2.—Town appropriation,	44 14	
Railroad money,	53 69	
Literary Fund,	6 34	104 17
District No. 3.—Town appropriation,	57 60	
Railroad money,	53 69	
Literary Fund,	8 28	119 57
District No. 4.—Town appropriation,	130 86	
Railroad money,	53 69	
Literary Fund,	18 80	203 35
District No. 5.—Town appropriation,	87 12	
Railroad money,	53 69	
Literary Fund,	12 51	153 32
District No. 6.—Town appropriation,	204 69	
Railroad money,	53 69	
Literary Fund,	29 60	287 98
District No. 7.—Town appropriation,	88 13	
Railroad money,	53 69	
Literary Fund,	12 66	154 48
District No. 8.—Town appropriation,	81 91	
Railroad money,	53 69	
Literary Fund,	11 76	147 63
District No. 9.—Town appropriation,	80 71	
Railroad money,	53 69	
Literary Fund,	11 59	145 99
District No. 10.—Town appropriation,	72 72	
Railroad money,	53 69	
Literary Fund,	10 44	136 85
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PAID ON ACCOUNT OF ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Paid H. Woodbury, labor on road in Dist. No. 1,	\$39 62
Isaac B. Corliss, " 2,	40 93

Paid	Isaiah Woodbury, labor on road in Dist. No. 3,	29	92
	William Stanton, "	4,	17 99
	John F. Smith, "	5,	43 58
	Isaac Thom, "	6,	85 78
	Isaac Woodbury, "	7,	37 97
	Darius M. Thom, "	8,	24 15
	Ezra B. Hall, "	9,	15 26
	Thomas Webster, "	10,	54 63
	John S. Emery, "	11,	35 09
	Benjamin R. Wheeler, "	12,	155 24
	Horace Hunt, "	13,	31 00
	John C. Crowell, "	14,	26 00
	Daniel Morrill, "	15,	33 44
	John A. Wheeler, "	16,	27 15
	Asa C Swingston, "	17,	19 80
	Richard Taylor, "	18,	177 42
	Obadiah Duston, "	19,	37 21
	Obadiah Duston, "	19,	75 35
	Jacob Rowell, "	20,	23 44
	Alburtus Coburn, "	21,	16 33
	Enoch Taylor, "	22,	35 49
	Samuel P. Kelly, "	23,	88 49
	Thomas B. Middleton, "	24,	59 59
	Gilman D. Kelly, "	26,	40 31
	James H. Foster, "	27,	48 83
	Charles L. Wilson, "	28,	29 00
	William B. Kimball, "	29,	32 00
	Charles Day, "	30,	20 51
	Robert H. McDonald, "	31,	35 00
	John Graham, 4 18-25 perch stone for bridge near S. O. Woodbury's,		5 00
	Silas Hall, 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ days work, shoveling near the bridge near S. O. Woodbury's,		5 50
	John Chase, repairing roads,	10	31
	Samuel P. White, 300 feet covering stone for bridge,		60 00
	Eliphalet Gage, 39 perch stone for bridge,	68	25
	A. W. Hall, for gravel,		9 00
	Moores Bailey, repairing road,		6 99
	John W. Cluff, repairing road,		2 00
	Seth Hall, for gravel,		1 80

Paid Isaac Thom, work on bridge, digging new channel, &c.,	115 98
John Webber, stone for bridge,	3 00
Silas Hall, purchasing and drawing covering stone, &c., for bridge near John M. Graham's,	23 00
Teaming small stone and gravel, &c., filling old channel of brook near said Graham's,	12 70
Teaming plank,	3 00
Repairing road near R. McDonald's,	2 25
Repairing road near John Webber's,	11 50
Teaming small stone to new bridge,	2 00
Enoch Taylor, repairing highways,	5 33
Samuel P. Kelly, "	3 00
John F. Smith, "	2 00
Isaiah Woodbury, "	1 00
Robert Lowell, blasting stone,	75
Thomas A. Rowell, repairing highway,	11 75
Iaac Thom, labor on bridge,	10 99
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	1,813 62

PAID ON ACCOUNT OF NON-RESIDENT HIGHWAY TAXES.

Paid Joel C. Carey, for working non-resident highway taxes in District No. 23, for 1868,	7 05
Daniel P. Merrill, for working non-resident highway taxes in Dist. No. 3, for 1868.	3 26
Charles Kimball, for working non-resident highway taxes in Dist. No. 10, for 1867,	1 83
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	\$12 14

PAID ON ACCOUNT OF SNOW PATHS.

John Chase, breaking roads,	\$1 25
James Webster, "	1 34
Stephen Webster, "	2 33
William Stanton, "	5 58
B. B. Rollins, "	6 58
Israel Woodbury, "	2 83

Isaac B Corliss, breaking roads,	8 78
Obadiah Duston, “	17 41
Isaiah Woodbury, “	26 17
Silas Hall, “	5 45
Darius M. Thom, “	8 37
Gilman D. Kelly, “	7 08
Isaac Thom, “	1 15
Benj. R. Wheeler, “	11 42
Charles Day, “	8 50
Robert Lowell, “	3 67
Wm. B. Kimball, “	3 33
Thad. Richardson, “	10 42
James H. Foster, “	4 83
William G. Crowell, “	3 34
E. B. Hall, “	3 83
Samuel P. Kelly, “	2 17
Enoch Taylor, “	5 00
John F. Smith, “	6 50
Jacob Rowell, “	8 40

\$165 73

PAID ON ACCOUNT OF CONTINGENCIES.

Paid Henrietta Currier part pay of note,	\$185 00
Thomas D. Lancaster, note and interest,	148 21
George H. Day, for services as Constable,	2 00
School House tax, for District No. 8, assessed in 1868,	20 00
John Taylor, part pay of note,	1,000 00
George C. Gordon, services as Town Treasurer in 1868,	40 00
George C. Gordon, balance ser- vices as Selectman and Overseer of Poor,	16 00
Amos Duston, note and interest,	324 59
Silas Hall, balance services and expenses as Selectmen in 1868,	19 85

Paid Silas Hall, Town Officer,	2 00
Levi Cluff, cash paid for dinners for Selectmen while taking invoice,	7 65
Jesse Ayer, making ballot box,	2 00
Benjamin E. Woodman, 57 re- turns of births and deaths,	14 25
Isaiah L. Webster, interest on note,	36 00
John H. Dunlap, balance School House tax in District No. 3, assessed in 1868,	25 00
John H. Dunlap, interest on note,	7 61
John S. Emery, services as Aud- itor in 1867,	3 00
Elbridge B. Taylor, part pay of note,	750 00
Mary Allen, part pay of note,	30 00
Milton F. Austin, interest on note,	12 00
Abigail Austin, interest on note,	18 00
David Webster, 2d, interest on note,	48 00
John L. Prince, interest on note,	12 00
Nathaniel B. Duston, interest on note,	24 00
Betsy Moulton, interest on note,	13 50
Mary A. Duston, four notes and interest,	5,307 21
Gilbert Emerson, three notes and interest,	872 00
B. Pettengill, note and interest,	291 50
Joseph H. Gage, note and in- terest,	395 40
Wm. Stanton, note and interest,	211 15
Orville A. Taylor, note and in- terest,	438 38
Nancy Wheeler, note and in- terest,	88 00

Paid Asa S. Austin, services as Con- stable, notifying town offi- cers, &c.,	10 00
County Treasurer, for county tax,	1,398 60
State Treasurer, for state tax,	2,352 00
Geo. S. Merrill, printing town reports and check lists,	68 00
Geo. S. Merrill, printing vouch- ers,	4 00
School District No. 4, school house tax,	125 00
John Kelly, Esq., survey line between Salem and Atkin- son,	1 00
John A. Wheeler, bound stone for line between Salem and Atkinson,	1 00
Stephen Currier, surveying line on town farm,	1 50
School District No. 3, school house tax,	110 00
Theadosha Gage, for one bound stone on line between Salem and Windham,	4 50
Charles Austin, balance on a note,	34 80
Lorenzo W. Chase, runners for hearse,	40 00
John C. Dow, writing paper,	1 12
John C. Dow, record book, for mortgages,	14 00
Joseph Buxton, dinners for town officers,	17 55
District No. 6, school house tax,	45 30
Levi Cluff, balance services as Selectman in 1868,	7 00
Levi Cluff, transporting county paupers to county farm,	5 00
Levi Cluff, stationery and ink,	1 33

Paid Levi Cluff, expenses to get county money,	5 37
Levi Cluff, services as Selectman and Overseer of Poor,	108 00
Levi Cluff, use of horse taking invoice, and other times,	20 00
Elbridge B. Taylor, note and interest,	1,750 09
Nelson M. Bailey, services Su- perintending School Com- mittee,	65 00
Benjamin R. Wheeler, services as town clerk,	45 91
John Austin, discount on taxes,	627 54
William G. Crowell, services as Moderator,	2 00
William B. Kimball, services as Selectman and Overseer of Poor,	80 00
Silas Hall, services as Select- man and Overseer of Poor,	139 40
Nathan G. Abbott, services as Auditor in 1867,	2 00
Samuel K. Abbott, services as Auditor in 1868,	2 00
Obediah Duston, note and in- terest,	795 00
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	\$18,248 31

PAID ON ACCOUNT OF ABATEMENTS.

To William G. Crowell, collector for 1868,	\$48 87
William H. Woodbury, collector for 1867,	25 74
Samuel Cross' heirs,	4 97
John H. Dunlap,	2 82
John A. Wheeler,	1 00
John Austin, collector for 1869,	45 68
For taxes on town farm,	71 25
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	\$200 33

PAID ON ACCOUNT OF ALMSHOUSE.

Paid J. T. Douglass, for coffin for Persis Page,	\$7 00
J. G. Clough, for services in part for 1869,	200 00
John Hall, blacksmith work,	10 55
J. G. Clough, for the year ending Apr. 1,	
1869, balances for services,	75 99
T. R. Little, for cow and calf,	80 00
Silas Hall, for sleigh,	15 00
Richard Taylor, for cow and calf,	70 00
Joseph Buxton, digging grave for Persis	
Page, and services as sexton,	5 00
Henry Holt, blacksmith work,	3 50
William B. Kimball, oxen,	145 00
Elijah Jennings, cow,	42 00
Richard H. Russ, mason work,	3 00
D. N. & C. M. Martin, for stove,	66 00
Earl C. Gordon, for blacksmith work,	9 90
Isaac J. A. Hastings, cow,	43 00
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	\$774 95

CASH PAID FOR PAUPERS NOT AT ALMSHOUSE.

Paid E. G. Haynes, for boarding Frank L., and	
Sarah L. Hildreth, from March 10,	
1869, to October 10th,	\$35 00
Chas. V. Butler, for taking care of Samuel	
Day, from March 12th, to March 29th,	
1869,	48 00
Benjamin E. Woodman, for medicine and	
attendance for Sally Rowell,	13 00
C. C. Talbot, for medicine and attendance	
for Samuel Day,	2 00
C. C. Talbot, for medicine and attendance	
for Clarrissa H. Clark,	10 00
Eliphalet Gage, for boarding Nancy Par-	
ker, from October 10th, 1868, to April	
10th, 1869,	52 00
John W. Patridge, for taking care of Sam'l	
Day, from March 3d, 1869, to March	
12th,	25 00

Paid Joseph Buxton, for digging grave for John C. Palmer, in 1866,	1 50
George C. Gordon, for supplies furnished Patrick Coffee,	5 00
Geo. C. Gordon, supplies furnished Henry Martin,	7 00
Mrs. Sarah F. Howarth, for expenses in removing Sarah F. Howarth from Insane Asylum,	7 00
Insane Asylum, for funeral expenses,	6 00
Insane Asylum, for boarding Sarah F. Howarth ten weeks,	20 00
John Austin, for goods furnished to Frank L. and Sarah L. Hildreth,	6 14
J. C. Ewins, load of wood to Clarrissa H. Clark,	3 00
John Austin, for one-half barrel of flour delivered to David Dunlap,	4 50
Moses D. Rowell, for boarding Sally Rowell fifty-two weeks up to October 10th, 1869,	52 00
For nursing the same,	20 00
Theadosha Gage, for boarding Mary Parker, from July 30th, 1869, to October 10th,	20 00
For clothing for same,	12 00
Eliphalet Gage, for boarding Nancy Parker from April 10th, 1869, to July 30th,	32 00
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	\$381 14

PAID ON ACCOUNT OF PINE GROVE CEMETERY.

Paid Alfred Page, 2 1-2 days labor in Pine Grove Cemetery,	5 00
Joseph Buxton, surveying lots and pinch bar,	2 80
Five days labor,	10 00
Use of horse,	65
Francis B. Kelly, 2 1-2 days labor,	5 00
William B. Kimball, 3 1-2 days labor,	7 50
William B. Kimball, 3 3-4 days use oxen,	7 50
J. G. Clough, 2 1-2 days work,	5 00

Paid J. G. Clough, 2 1-2 days oxen,	5 00
J. G. Clough, use of plough,	1 00
Levi Cluff, surveying lots,	3 00
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	\$52 47

RECAPITULATION.

Whole amount in Selectmen's hands,	\$24,089 32
Paid on account of Contingencies,	18,248 31
Roads and bridges,	1,813 62
Snow paths,	165 73
Non-resident highway receipts,	12 14
Almshouse,	774 95
Transient poor,	381 14
Abatement of Taxes,	200 33
Pine Grove Cemetery,	52 47
Schools,	1,785 18
Balance in Treasurer's hands,	655 45
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	\$24,089 32

LEVI CLUFF, TOWN TREASURER.

MARCH 1st, 1870.

OUTSTANDING NOTES AGAINST THE TOWN.

William Crawford's note due	May 30th, 1870,	\$1,073 52
Matthew H. Taylor,	" Feb. 19th, 1870,	952 81
David Loud,	" Aug. 25th, 1869,	424 00
School District No. 10,	" Dec. 16th, 1869,	200 72
School District No. 2,	" Dec. 16th, 1869,	213 55
Hiram Cross,	" Feb. 6th, 1870,	224 72
School District No. 3,	" March 20, 1870,	150 56
Eliphalet Coburn,	" Sept. 3d, 1870,	1,667 42
Eliphalet Coburn,	" April 3d, 1871,	898 88
Eliphalet Coburn,	" Dec. 31st, 1869,	212 00
John L. Prince,	" Oct. 21st, 1869,	200 00
Milton F. Austin,	" Oct. 23d, 1869,	200 00
Ira Sanborn,	" May 8th, 1870,	238 20
Ann Loomis,	" Oct. 10th, 1869,	5,730 25
Enoch Taylor,	" May 28th, 1870,	354 62
Enoch Taylor,	" June 19th, 1870,	476 40

Enoch Taylor,	note due Nov. 11th, 1869,	152 74
Enoch Taylor,	" Dec. 31st, 1869,	212 00
Betsey Moulton,	" June 24th, 1870,	238 50
Mary Austin,	" July 26th, 1870,	5,078 56
John Taylor,	" Aug. 10th, 1870,	6 005 74
Nancy Wheeler,	" Oct. 27th, 1869,	642 36
Abigail Austin,	" Dec. 24th, 1870,	318 00
Seth Hall,	" Feb. 11th, 1870,	468 37
Henrietta Currier,	" Oct. 8th, 1869,	484 65
Mary Allen,	" Feb. 17th, 1870,	107 71
Elbridge O. Butler,	" March 4th, 1870,	639 57
John H. Dunlap,	" April 28th, 1870,	132 50
David Webster, 2d,	" Dec. 12th, 1869,	650 00
David Webster, 2d,	" Dec. 25th, 1869,	150 00
Isaiah L. Webster,	" Feb. 25th, 1870,	400 00
Isaiah L. Webster,	" Feb. 7th, 1870,	212 00
Ruth Whittaker,	" Feb. 17th, 1870,	1,060 00
Albertus Coburn,	" Dec. 29th, 1869,	530 00
S. S. Jewett,	" July 23d, 1870,	280 90
Benjamin Day,	" June 29th, 1869,	1,078 27
Eliza A. D. Kimball,	" June 29th, 1869,	1,078 27
Dean Emerson,	" Aug. 5th, 1869,	433 56
Mary A. Duston,	" October 1, 1869,	4,000 00
Mary A. Duston,	" October 1, 1869,	500 00
B. Pettengill,	" Jan. 10th, 1870,	300 00
Obadiah Duston,	" Jan. 4th, 1870,	200 00
Obadiah Duston,	" Jan. 3rd, 1870,	200 00
Obadiah Duston,	" Jan. 5th, 1870,	200 00
Obadiah Duston,	" Jan. 6th, 1870,	200 00
Albertus Coburn,	" Feb. 22d, 1870,	800 00
Obadiah Duston,	" Feb. 22d, 1870,	100 00
Daniel H. Day,	" Feb. 27th, 1869,	441 86
Jane Paul,	" Jan. 18th, 1870,	1,191 02
Cyrus Wilson,	" Mar. 21st, 1869,	220 92
Mary Renou,	" Dec. 4th, 1869,	410 64
Mary Duston,	" Aug. 16, 1869,	126 25
Benjamin F. Wheeler,	" Aug. 15, 1869,	650 25
Nathaniel B. Dustin,	" Oct. 13th, 1870,	212 16
Eliphalet Coburn,	" Feb. 22d, 1870,	1,000 00
Joseph A. Cross,	" Mar. 6th, 1870,	848 00

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DUE THE TOWN.

From the County, for support of paupers,	\$50 00
William G. Crowell, as guardian of Charles Silver, for support for said Silver,	256 00
United States, for bounties,	3,153 20
John Austin, uncollected taxes,	2,209 39
John Austin, interest on uncollected taxes,	90 61
Town Treasurer,	655 45
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	\$6,414 65
Leaving a balance against the Town of	38,808,40

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT AT ALMSHOUSE.

	Dr.
To cash received for butter,	\$96 50
“ milk,	81 25
“ cow,	45 00
“ calves,	33 00
“ potatoes,	47 20
“ beef,	32 00
“ chickens,	10 00
“ cow hide,	5 00
“ pigs,	65 00
“ lard,	3 00
“ cranberries,	5 00
“ eggs,	5 75
“ straw,	6 00
“ labor off the farm,	16 00
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	\$450 70

SUPERINTENDENT.

	Cr.
By cash paid for groceries,	\$25 38
“ meat,	20 00
“ plough,	14 40
“ groceries,	90 35
“ flour, meal and shorts,	94 13

By cash paid for dry goods,	19 79
“ scythes, snaths and sundries,	7 23
“ repairing harness,	9 00
“ labor on the farm,	63 72
“ shoes and yarn,	5 15
“ paper and curtains,	3 30
“ axe and bells,	2 62
“ hay seed,	5 38
“ fish,	6 15
“ plaster and lime,	1 80
“ salt and grinding,	6 10
“ nails and soap,	4 00
“ axe handles and filing saws,	1 33
Balance in Superintendent's hands,	70 37
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	\$450 70

J. G. CLOUGH, SUP'T.

REPORT OF OVERSEER'S OF THE POOR.

Received by Jona. G. Clough, cash and supplies,	\$379 83
“ of County, for support of paupers,	543 45
Due from the County for support of paupers,	50 00
Received of Harvey Harris, for hide,	5 00
“ Batchelder & Co., for one cow,	68 00
“ Susan T. McLaughlin, for use of pasture,	12 00
“ G. D. Kelly, for one cow,	65 00
“ Charles Titcomb, one yoke of oxen,	210 00
Due from William G. Crowell, as guardian of Charles Silver, for boarding and nursing said Silver, and other expenses,	256 00
“ J. G. Clough,	70 87
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Total amount of receipts,	\$1,660 15
Cash paid on account of Almshouse,	\$774 95
“ J. G. Clough, supplies,	379 83
“ on account of transient poor,	381 14
Outstanding debt for support of paupers,	40 00

Paid Jonathan G. Clough, in part for services,	200 00
Due Jonathan G. Clough, in part for services,	75 00
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Total amount,	\$1,850 92
Leaving a balance against the town of	\$190 77

NUMBER OF PAUPERS AT TOWN FARM.

Males, 2.	Females, 2.	Total, 4.
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LEVI CLUFF,	} Overseers of Poor.
SILAS HALL,	
WILLIAM B. KIMBALL,	

PINE GROVE CEMETERY.

	Cr.	
Cash received of former Treasurer,	\$10 09	
Cash received for lots,	48 25	
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	Dr.	
Cash paid for labor, &c.,	\$52 47	
Balance in Treasurer's hands,	5 87	
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LEVI CLUFF,	} Committee.
SILAS HALL,	
WILLIAM B. KIMBALL,	

The Committee, having examined the foregoing accounts, find them correctly cast and satisfactorily vouched for.

EDWARD GRIFFIN,	} Auditors.
GEORGE WOODBURY,	

APPRAISAL OF PERSONAL PROPERTY AT ALMSHOUSE.

Six tons English hay, \$150.00; 1 ton run hay, \$14.00; 1 pair oxen, \$160.00; 5 cows, \$320.00; 1 horse, \$90.00; 2 yearling heifers, \$34.00; 18 fowls, \$14.00; 3 ladders, \$4.50; 5 hay forks, \$2.50; 3 shovels, \$2.00; 2 manure forks, \$1.50; 3 iron bars, \$3.00; 1 drag rake, .50; 2 sleighs, \$30.00; 1 horse rake, \$1.00; 1 harrow, \$4.00; lot rye straw, \$2.00; meal boxes, .50; 1 cow bell, .50; gutter and trough; \$1.50; hand sled and wheelbarrow, \$3.00; horse sled, \$4.00; Pig rack, .50; ox sled, \$5.00; 2 bush scythes, 2.00; ox cart, and wrench, \$50.00; 2 flails and drag, \$1.00; 3 hoes and manure hook, \$2.00; 10 chains, \$6.00; harness, \$15.00; 1 draft harness, \$1.50; garden hoe and rake, .50; 1 corn cutter and sickle, .75; grindstone, 4.00; wagon, 45.00; 2 wash bowls, .50; 1 white wash brush, .75; 1 umbrella, .50; 4 ploughs, 1.00; 2 brass kettles, 3.00; beetle and wedges, 1.50; clothes line, .75; 2 wash tubs, 1.00; 3 stoves and funnels, 70.00; 2 iron kettles, 1.00; cultivator, 5.00; 2 live hogs, 80.00; paint can and paint mill, 2.00; 50 lbs. shorts, .75; 150 lbs. meal, 3.50; 1 barrel flour, 8.50; 100 lbs. ham, 20.00; 2 churns, 2.50; pail and kegs, 2.00; cheese hoop, basket and press, 5.00; 1 butter box, 1.50; 30 lbs. butter, 13.00; 60 lbs lard, 12.00; tin ware, 20.00; lantern, 1.00; 4 stone jars, earthen pots, 1.00; 8 lbs. tallow, .80; shovel and tongs, .50; 2 flat irons, .50; 2 earthen pans, .50; lamps and candlesticks, 1.00; 1 pair steel yards, .50; tray and mortar, .50; 2 mirrors and 2 clocks, 3.00; trunk, chest and drawers, 12.00; lot jugs, 2.00; lot crockery ware, 8.00; warming pan and bed pan, 2.00; 1 buffalo robe, 1.50; 1 halter, .25; curry comb, brush and card, .50; 1 pick and wrench, 1.50; 1 trap, .75; 4 axes and 1 hatchet, 3.00; 4 saws, 2.00; cross cut saw, 1.00; 2 scythes and snaths, 3.00; 4 ploughs, 23.00; 6 milk cans, 2.00; 1 grain chest, 1.00; 5 ox bows, 1.00; 8 bags, 2.50; set measures, .75; lot corn, 15.00; salt, 1.00; 2 bushels rye, 2.75; 3 rakes, 1.00; 2 scalding tubs, .50; 3 bushels beans, 9.00; lot pop corn, 1.00; baskets, 3.00; vinegar and cask, 8.00; safe crib and lumber, 2.00; 4 augurs and bog hoe, 1.00; 2 iron squares, .75; shaving horse and vise, 1.00; chest and carpenter's tools,

2.50; 2 fire shovels, .50; rasps and file, .50; stone tool, 1.50; stone hammer, 2.00; 2 broad axes, 2.00; lot old iron, 4.50; clothes wringer, 5.00; desk and shoe tools, 1.00; side board, 5.00; 15 feather beds, 125 00; 24 pillows, 9.00; quilts and comforters, 35.00; 34 pillow cases, 10.00; 9 bolsters, 6.00; wearing apparel, 50.00; chairs and tables, 16.00; 15 pair sheets, 25.00; 5 tables, 6.00; pickles, 1.00; 16 towels, 1.50; long oil table cloth, 2 00; matches, .60; 2 gallons molasses, 1.25; 1 lb. tea, 1.20; spices, 2.00; sugar, 1.50; cupboard, 2.00; lot books, 1.00; window curtains, &c., 3.00; knives, forks and spoons, 2.50; iron ware, 5.00; 2½ dozen eggs, .75; bedsteads, 20.00; 1 gallon kerosene oil, .50; lumber, 6.00; candles, 2.50; handcuffs, 1.00; 125 lbs. —, 18.75; 80 bushels potatoes, 48.00; soap, 4.00; cabbage, 1.50; lot casks, 5.00; beets, 1.00; turnips, 1.00; 400 lbs. salt pork, 80.00; cranberries, 1.00; ashes, 1.00. Total amount, \$1,877.55.

APPRAISAL OF REAL ESTATE OWNED BY THE TOWN.

Town farm,	\$4,800 00
Wood land,	100 00
Town house,	1,000 00
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	\$5,800 00
Personal property at Almshouse,	\$1,877 55
Town safe,	450 00
Hearse and runners,	450 00
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	\$8,577 55

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,
OF THE
TOWN OF SALEM, NEW HAMPSHIRE,
FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH, 1870.

DISTRICT No. 2.

Summer term. Miss Alice J. Whittemore, of Ayer's Village, teacher. This is one of the small schools in town. Geographical, not esthetical propriety, must have determined the location of the school house. The scholars are quite famous,—being known as “the children in the woods,”—in pursuit of knowledge under difficulties; not the least of which are the tormenting mosquitoes that infect the place.

We recommend the district, either to move their house to another locality, or to pass a “by-law” against these intolerable pests. At least, the *inside* of the house should be made more attractive by some repairs, blackboards, maps, etc. Let the parents visit the school more, and thus encourage teachers and pupils. Notwithstanding these embarrassments, the teacher labored faithfully, having the hearts of all her scholars, who were quick to learn, and very prompt in their recitations.

Fall term. Miss E. A. Woodbury, teacher. For some unknown reason, there was, in the teacher's own words, “great irregularity

in attendance during this term." Many have far to walk. We heard no complaint of the teacher. She was very kind, manifesting a thoughtful regard for her pupils, and had the rare faculty of governing more by the eye and motion than by a "multitude of words." The examination at the close showed a good degree of improvement.

DISTRICT No. 3.

Summer and Winter terms. Miss Lillie A. Gardner, teacher. Miss G—— went to this school a stranger to the parents and pupils. There were but few scholars, some of them very dull, and disposed to have things pretty much their own way.

The teacher very soon learned the true state of things, and after a vigorous application of a little wholesome discipline, became mistress of the situation. Miss G—— seems to have learned the happy art in teaching, of uniting firmness of manner with gentleness of mind. She gave good satisfaction to all lovers of order, and left the school in a much improved condition.

DISTRICT No. 4.

Summer and Winter terms. Miss Hattie A. Tilton, teacher. This school, under the good discipline of its two last teachers, has fully redeemed its good name, and now reaches out its hand for the banner and the place of honor.

Miss Tilton was evidently the "right woman in the right place," "apt to teach," and "born to command." By a system of her own, a minute record of each day was carefully made, and the aggregate footings so arranged that a glance at the Register shows the mental, and in some degree, the moral standing of every scholar in school. There are some very promising scholars in this school. If we should particularize where the improvement has been so general, reading and mental arithmetic could be named. A copy of Webster's Unabridged Dictionary for the school room would be money well invested. The examination and closing exercises were creditable, alike to teacher and pupils, and interesting to the good number of parents present.

DISTRICT No. 5.

Summer and Winter terms. Miss Julia M. Wright, of New York, teacher. No one would ever suspect that Miss Wright had

mistaken her calling. We have no doubt that she began very early to teach, and "found mimic sport and delightful work in teaching the young idea how to shoot," among her nursery companions.

School teaching with Miss Wright is not a pastime, but hard, solid work. Committing and reciting are side issues, not the end, but means thereto. She excels in the one great thing wherein many teachers sadly fail,— in a careful analysis where it is demanded. The "whys" and "wherefores" are required. The result is, her scholars "go forth, and grow up, (mentally) as calves of the stall." She manifests an interest in the moral and mental welfare of her pupils rarely equalled. Showing herself friendly, she did not lack for friends among them or their parents.

Christmas Eve will never be forgotten by the children of that school. Taking the whole matter into her own hands, the teacher arranged for a Christmas celebration, with a Tree and a present for every scholar. The old superannuated apology for a school house had not looked so attractive since the "time whereof the memory of man runneth not to the contrary." It was a grand success,—a few dollars well invested. This passing allusion to the school house would perhaps be sufficient, were it not for the fact that we might be thought recreant to our duty, and heedless of a time-honored custom, if we did not give this house something *more* than a passing notice.

We do not feel disposed however, to make merry over a matter so serious, hence we speak the words of truth and soberness when we declare it as our candid opinion that this old shell of a house is a downright nuisance, and would be a reproach to any people in this enlightened land.

It should be spoken, to the credit of this district that the people have raised, by private subscription, forty-seven dollars to extend the winter term.

DISTRICT No. 6.

Spring and Fall terms. Miss Fannie J. Holmes, of Londonderry, teacher. She has had considerable experience in teaching, came well recommended, and seemed familiar with the studies in which she was examined. Yet she did not succeed well in this school.

The sum of the whole matter is simply this: the school was more than she could manage,—too much work for most female teachers, to say nothing of others. In some schools, Miss H— would have better success.

Winter term. Mr. Lyman B. Gage, of Methuen, teacher. Mr. Gage is well known, has been a popular teacher for several years, and is regarded as a successful one. His eye is not dim, nor his natural force abated. Yet he too, failed at the same point where his predecessor proved wanting,—the point of order.

He took the school before he had fairly recovered from a fit of sickness. This was much against him. He needed the whole of his “forces” in commanding position, to re-organize, and bring into line, on the very first day of the session, the partially demoralized ranks of the school. The pupils would then have more fully realized that he was a *schoolmaster*, to bring them, one and all, into harmony with rules needful to be observed, in order to ensure success. Much depends on the first day.

But notwithstanding the habit of disorder, which seems to have assumed a chronic character in this school, the scholars generally have advanced in their studies as much, or more than we anticipated. This is especially true of the classes in Grammar and Book Keeping. The recitations evinced much drilling and application. We think these and some other classes will appear well on the day of examination; but we are obliged to make our report several days before the close of the school.

But here are the unwelcome facts that cannot be concealed:—
1. This school is getting a hard name. 2. The scholars, many of them, are very irregular in their attendance. 3. The parents do not visit the school. 4. There is general complaint all round,—teachers, parents, and pupils.

Now, where is the *root* of all this evil? We believe it is more in the want of a suitable school house and a graded school, than in anything else.

Here are from forty to sixty persons, all the way from five to twenty years of age, crowded into a room so “tattered and torn,” dreary and forlorn, as to be unfit for a habitation for horses. Their time is divided between their books, dodging the falling plaster, changing positions to avoid direct and counter currents of cold air, or on a cold day, crowding each other around a red-hot stove. The children who would learn rapidly in such a situation, and evince an increasing interest in their books, *manners* and *graces*, must be indeed remarkable children, and the teacher who could preserve good order, and satisfy parents and himself, under such circumstances, must be a marvel among his fellows. For the good of the race, and the honor of this district, we hope, and have reason to believe, that the end of these things is nigh.

DISTRICT No. 7.

Summer term. Miss Susie C. Smith, of Salem, teacher. Two excellent teachers have been employed in this school the past year. Miss Smith well sustained her reputation as a successful teacher. She has a very easy and familiar way with her scholars, and maintains the best order without any offensive display of a "little brief authority."

Most of the scholars are quite young. There were fine classes in Arithmetic and Grammar, and the reading was unusually good. The term was very short, but the several classes acquitted themselves commendably at the examination, showing that they had been studious and well instructed.

Winter term. Miss Laura A. H. Knight, of Atkinson, teacher. Miss Knight is an excellent teacher, one of the best. She entered upon her work full of zeal, and went on finely until near the close of the school, when the measles appeared among her scholars, and the greater part of them were obliged to leave the school. But for this and its brevity, we judge the term would have been highly satisfactory to the teacher and all others.

It is really too bad that the children of some of our districts, especially this one, cannot have the advantage of more schooling. See here poverty from "withholding more than is meet,"—the kind of economy that "Poor Richard" would call "cutting off the tap and knocking out the bung."

DISTRICT No. 8.

Summer and Winter terms. Miss Mary K. Hall, teacher. This is a school of young scholars, very few being over thirteen years of age. Miss Hall appears to have labored faithfully and successfully with them. Three scholars were not absent or tardy the whole term. If this could be said of the scholars generally who attend this school, its progress would be more marked. The parents in this district should be more careful, not only to have either children go to school, but they should have them go at a proper time,—nine o'clock, A. M. A scholar who is habitually late at school will grow up in the bad habit of being late at church, and late everywhere else. It is a bad omen, much too common, and should be rebuked sharply by every teacher. We noted considerable progress in most of the studies, and the children, under Miss Hall's persevering efforts, have been made to understand, more than ever before, that profitable study is hard work.

DISTRICT No. 9.

Summer term. Miss Mary T. Currier, of Manchester, teacher. She taught the winter term of last year, and having left the school in a fine condition, she began her work without delay, and with an enthusiasm that betokened certain success. Her whole heart is in the work of teaching, and she seems to infuse her own zealous spirit into the hearts of her pupils. The school advanced rapidly in nearly all the studies, particularly in Grammar, Algebra, and the new Geography. Miss C—— had become acquainted with this new work; her scholars soon learned its value, and in Map Drawing far excelled all others. We never saw scholars more interested in any study.

Here, and only in this one of our schools, we saw the pupils drilled in the art of gymnastics. The exercise was very pleasing and well performed. We would recommend this art in other schools where the children need more "bodily exercise" than they get in the natural ways, or where they are much inclined to be dull and drowsy. Nothing could more effectually arouse and wake up the dormant energies of body and mind. We think, however, that there is ordinarily in communities like ours a larger demand for such exercises in the more "solemn assemblies" where congregate the "children of an older growth." We have seen cases where we think it would have worked admirably.

The school closed with an exhibition. There were forty visitors present. This interest on the part of parents, an excellent school-house, a good number, and some fine scholars, are among the good things to encourage the teachers in this district.

Winter term. Miss Ellen I. Gage, of Pelham, teacher. She bore a good examination, and was fully competent to teach the school, but failed in ability to govern it.

It is said of some itinerant preachers, "they are hard men to follow," and sometimes as good men who do follow them, fail, because they are cast in a different mould, and do their work in a different way. The same is true of school teachers. There are many who would not succeed so well where Miss Currier had taught two terms as they would elsewhere.

We have endeavored to get at the truth in this case, and conclude that if all the parents and larger scholars had been as anxious as the teacher herself, to have a prosperous term, there would have been no trouble. One fact should be stated: Miss Currier visited the people there after Miss Gage had been hired to keep the school,

and as the former was not engaged, many were ready to ask, Why can we not have her again? Some said, we *will*. Here is the significant fact in the case. The Prudential Committee was not aware, when he engaged a new teacher, that the services of the former one could be obtained. On the contrary, he was informed that they could not be secured.

After a session of six weeks, the teacher closed the school, which, considering all things, made a better record than some may have supposed. The balance of the appropriation to the district was enlarged by private subscription, and Miss Currier was engaged to keep the school for a term of eight weeks.

After completing the statistical part of our report, we visited this school, which is still in session, and found it in as good order, and running as smoothly as a Weed Sewing Machine. So far as we could judge, the scholars have advanced rapidly in their studies during this term. We hope the district will, if possible, secure Miss Currier for another year.

DISTRICT No. 10.

Summer and Winter terms. Miss S. Lizzie Gordon, teacher. To excite and maintain an interest in so small a school as this, taxes in no small degree all the ingenuity a teacher can command. We are glad to report that Miss Gordon succeeded in this respect beyond our expectations. With more experience added to her commendable zeal she will excel in a much larger school. The progress made in the various branches studied was very satisfactory.

In concluding our report, it will not be expected after what has been said, that we should indulge in many "general remarks."

A word may be in place in regard to our

TEACHERS.

While some have not measured fully up to the required standard, yet take them all in all, we are confident that the town has been remarkably favored in this respect. Our teachers have been highly esteemed for their moral, as well as mental worth. And we believe a majority of them have constantly sought Divine wisdom and strength in the performance of their responsible duties. This is as it should be always. School teachers can wield a mighty power, and it should all be on the side of right, virtue and truth. They should not only be fully qualified to teach the books, but be ready always, in the school room and out of it, to commend by precept

and example, "whatsoever things are true, honest, just, pure, lovely, and of good report among men."

Some important branches have been sadly neglected,—Writing, and Mental Arithmetic, in particular. If we except two or three schools, pupils have not been properly taught to *analyze* the problems, which is the chief value of this branch of study.

PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEES.

Last year our ten schools were favored with *four* visits from these committees. This year we are able to report nine visits from this source. But here, as in other places, more care and common sense should be exercised in filling this important office. A proper regard for the educational interests of our youth, and a decent "respect for the opinions of mankind," demand that this *office* be restored to its proper dignity, and no longer be permitted to be shouldered by *turns*, without any regard to the "fitness of things." Rising above party spirit and party intrigue, parents should select men of sound judgment, men who know human nature, and who are interested in the cause of education.

TEXT BOOKS.

A multiplicity of text books on the same subject, increasing the number of classes, is a great evil in our schools. We have gone to the extent of our authority in trying to remedy this evil by complying with the recommendation in the last year's Report of the Committee for District No. 1, and have succeeded in introducing into all our schools except *this one*, Guyot's Geography, which now takes the place of the various other kinds that were used in our schools. We hope this exceptional school in District No. 1 is nearly ready to join the progressive ranks. We hear only one objection to the book, it requires all to *think* who study it, hard work for some.

Other changes are needed, and will be made, we hope, by your next Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

NELSON M. BAILEY,

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

REPORT.

The School Committee of District No. 1, in the Town of Salem, respectfully present their Annual Report:—

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT.

The first term in this department was under the tuition of Miss Belle Moulton, of Hampstead, a teacher of considerable experience, this being her second term in the district. The school made a good degree of progress under her instruction, and the order and general discipline were well maintained. The teacher sustained the favorable reputation she had gained in her previous connection with the school.

The second term was under the care of Miss E. A. Minard, of Nova Scotia, a teacher of large experience, who brought to her work all the freshness and vigor that come from an exalted idea of the great work of teaching. Her methods of instruction were full of thought, and rich in illustration. She did not confine her teaching to the letter of text books, but by oral instruction she awakened thoughts in the minds of her pupils, and impressed the various topics of study by the activity of her own intellect. The committee would have gladly retained her services for a longer term, but she was induced to leave to enter a larger field of labor.

ADVANCED DEPARTMENT.

This school during the first term was taught by Miss Moulton, who labored under some embarrassment on account of irregular attendance, and a lack of interest on the part of some of the pupils. This was doubtless owing, in a large degree, to the unfavorable season of the year, July and August, when the weather is warm, and the outside attractions numerous and alluring. The pupils who were regular in attendance made good progress, and the school appeared well at the closing examination.

The school during the winter term was taught by Mr. Robert M. Carleton, of Haverhill, Mass., a student in Dartmouth College. This was Mr. C's first experience, but he brought to his work an honest desire to discharge his whole duty. He endeavored to govern by mild measures, and the discipline of the school was at first a little lax, but this defect was in some degree corrected by the adoption

of more vigorous methods. The school appeared well at the several visits of the committee, and at the closing examination evident marks of improvement were apparent. Several of the larger scholars were induced to leave the school to enter the manufacturing establishments of the place. This course is to be regretted, as the school thereby suffers, and the pupils who leave lose the advantages of good instruction.

SUGGESTIONS.

The school, during the past three years, has been in operation under the provisions of the "Somersworth Act." There are many advantages arising from this method, as the district thereby has the whole control of the affairs of the school, independent of the town committee. Your committee would recommend, however, that the system of keeping the different grades alternately, be not continued. It is more satisfactory to have the two grades in session at the same time, as thereby a more perfect gradation can be maintained. To do this, a suitable room must be obtained for the Primary Department; until some provision is made to meet this demand, we cannot expect the highest results from the system which we have adopted. The primary school should be kept primary; the tendency has been to introduce too many studies, to the confusion of the system and the defeat of the ends aimed at. The books should be very simple, and all attempts on the part of the teacher to introduce higher studies should be discountenanced.

By this change the higher department would be benefitted, and all primary scholars would be excluded, and the studies could be adapted to the wants of the older scholars.

The committee would enjoin upon parents the importance of co-operation in all that pertains to the highest interest of these schools. They should show their interest by making frequent visits to the school, and informing themselves of the advancement of their children. The teacher's work should be lightened by the sympathy of the parents, and the largest charity should be exhibited in all criticisms of the schools. If we mean to have our schools accomplish their full measure of work, we must be unanimous in their support, and see that no reasonable thing is wanting to elevate them, both intellectually and morally, so that they shall prove a lasting blessing to all who come under their influence.

WM. G. CROWELL,	} Superintending School Committee School District No. 1.
GEO. C. GORDON,	
CHARLES M. VITTUM,	
S. BATCHELDER,	

No. of District.	Summer and Winter.	Names of Teachers.	No. of Weeks.	Whole No. of Scholars Attending School in the Year.	Average Attendance.	Wages of the Teachers per Month.	Town Appropriation.	Railroad Tax.	Literary Fund.	No. of Visits of Superintendenting Committee.	No. of Visits of the Prudential Committee.	No. of Visits by Citizens of the town.	Prudential Committee.
1	Summer, {	Miss B. Moulton,	16	62	48	\$28 00	\$332 11	\$3 09	\$25 55			18	William G. Crowell.
2	Winter, {	Miss E. A. Minard,	18	52	38	41 00						21	
3	Summer, {	Mr. R. M. Carleton,	10	14	12½	20 00	44 14	53 09	6 34		0	4	Daniel Merrill.
4	Winter, {	Alice J. Whittemore,	12	19	14	22 00					0	10	Gideon Conley.
5	Summer, {	Miss E. A. Woodbury,	10	20	16	24 00	56 60	53 09	8 24		0	9	
6	Winter, {	Lillie A. Gardner,	14	24	17	24 00					0	13	Otis Butrick.
7	Summer, {	Hattie A. Tilton,	10	43	35	28 00	130 86	53 09	18 80		1	15	Willard G. Smith.
8	Winter, {	Julia M. Wright,	20	43	34	29 00					1	31	
9	Summer, {	Julia M. Wright,	11	35	30	19 00	87 12	53 09	12 51		1	18	Prescott Kelley.
10	Winter, {	Fannie J. Holmes,	17			29 00							
11	Summer, {	Lynan B. Gage,	9	51	41	28 00	204 69	53 09	29 60		0	24	Hiram Woodbury.
12	Winter, {	Sadie C. Smith,	12	62	46	52 00					0	8	Josiah Cluff.
13	Summer, {	Laura A. H. Knight,	7	24	21	38 00	88 13	53 09	12 66		0	14	George Page.
14	Winter, {	Mary K. Hall,	9	25	30	39 00					1	12	Obadiah Duston.
15	Summer, {	Mary K. Hall,	8	35	35½	38 00	81 91	53 09	11 76		1	45	
16	Winter, {	Mary T. Currier,	10	40	36	32 00					1	1	
17	Summer, {	Ellen I. Gage,	6	30	28	32 00	80 71	53 09	11 59		1	51	
18	Winter, {	S. Lizzie Gordon,	12	33	28	32 00					2	12	
19	Summer, {	S. Lizzie Gordon,	21	21	18	24 00					2	2	
20	Winter, {		16	20	15	24 00	72 72	53 09	10 44		0	10	
	Total,			653		\$521 00	\$1,179 99	\$530 90	\$147 53	41	9	56	

